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## A NEW ENGLAND GIRL.

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CHAPTER VIII. "A man veneered with sanctimonious theory."

"Come here, Lina!" Miss Agnes is sitting at the table in "the study," with her writing-desk open before her, upon which lies an open letter, with a few rose leaves scattered upon it. Her flaxen curls are put carelessly behind her ears, she wears a

pale pink morning dress, with a chemisette of plain muslin, and a tiny black silk apron, and is looking very bright and happy as I advance from the door, where I had been seated, and lay my book upon the table before her. "Oh, it's not that-not about the lessons !

wish to speak."

"But you said, last night, that we would commence again this morning, ma'am," I an-

Lina, my child, would you not like to have a companion-a little boy, to share your plays and studies-a brother to guard and protect you? "What from, ma'am?" I asked, uncon-

sciously glanding round to see from what quarter danger is to be apprehended. "Why, from the dangers and trials and sufon your silent tears to weep! 'my poor child!"

it pretty well myself-but just as you think." "Ouite right, child. I do think best; I am going to give you a brother, in the person of Mr. Tyler's son, Augustus. I suppose you may he retained in his phraseology the dignified plugoing to give you a brother, in the person of have heard-has Hannah or no one said any. ral with which he was wont to address his subthing to you about Mr. Tyler-and-and my-

"Hannah hasn't, but I heard Miss Sarah Beach say you were going to marry him, and the hand, as he added—
"Don't let this little incident worry you, my that Augustus Tyler will break my nose,

"Nonsense! What a thoughtless creature. to change my condition-and much sooner than I anticipated. Mr. Tyler will consent to no longer delay. But this can make no change I want you to remember this "-and she turned her good, simple, confiding face full upon me, as I stood by her knee-"because there are people who may try to make you think differ- I returned his look in silence, until he was lot to be misunderstood! I will show them their error yet," she goes on, talking rather to herself than me, with a cheek really fresh with a gle w of pride and affection. "I will show succeed in getting a suitable answer, or an apthem that my Marcus's justice is as unimpeachsuble as his love, and that forestalls even my

It was true. No one, if you took his word for it, had a keener sense of justice; it was a you think you can remember?" fertile theme with him-he would spend hours in discussing its moral, political, and theological aspects; but, as to its practical application to the events of daily life, Justice never laid down her scale. down her scales to dirty her fingers with any

such common affairs as those.

They were married. The ceremony was perown parlor. There were but few guests, she having no near relatives in the place. But a few of her parents' old friends were present, and her own set, including Misses Moore, Beach, mented her, and were, as Polly Maria would upon her slender shoulders the burden of trials and disappointments which are supposed to ding veil. "They, whose eyes, thank Heaven! had not been touched with the magic juice of the 'plant called Love,' in idleness could see

Just as if trials and disappointments were plant were not of the

clearly akin to the tree by the river of life, whose

leaves are for the healing of nations!

another; and drawing a small, light locket from her pocket, she touched a spring, and showed me a set of clear-cut features, which there was no mistaking.

dropsical-headed ideals common upon old tomb-stones, he might no have been far from right.

But the smile slowly vanished, and was fol-

"Do you know that face, Lina?" "It is Mr. Annesley's—only, it looks more like a boy than he did."

You are right. He was quite young when t was taken. We were much together in our younger days. His father and my mother were cousins—and his mother gave this to me. I thought you might like to have it, as Mr. Annesley is your friend, and I do not think it will norant, I know; but papa used to think chil be quite proper for me to retain gentlemen's dren that are growing fast needed animal food." portraits now-or, at least, Mr. Tyler might portraits now—or, at least, Mr. Tyler might Again he bestowed upon my mistress that bethink so—but, there——he calls! He cannot nignly commiserative look, followed by a smile, bear to be separated from me a minute. Be a good girl!" and with a kiss upon my forehead, considered slightly mirthful, as he said-

she left the room.
"Umph!" said Hannah, when I showed my treasure next day after the wedding, and re-peated Miss Agnes's words; "So she's began as it has been so completely exploded by the ceated Miss Agnes's words; "So she's began as it has been so completely exploded by the ready, has she! I wonder where would a been modern science of dietetics. Vegetables and the harm in her keepin' it! If Mr. Ralph had a farinaceous substances, generally, are the only heen here, she'd a been Agnes Lathrop still!" food fit for children, or even adults. But Why. so, Hannah?"

Case she never'd a dared to gone and done what she has! I've nothin' to say agin Mr. may -indeed, we must -always regret, my Tyler. He's a good man, I suppose—he ought dear, that we were not educated on this simple ter be. But she wouldn't a dared it!" rational plan; and we always make it a mat

"Dared, Hannah!" "I don't mean," she answered, pettishly, "that she'd a been afeared of his strikin' her or any sich thing, child; but he'd a said it

and say it was not suitable, would you give it infinite value to this child."

WASHINGTON, D. C. its place among my sacred treasures in Ollie's contain a great deal of nourishment, and the

"Is that the proper way to address your mis-

It was the morning after the newly-married pair had reached home, and, with childish eagerness, I had entered the sitting room to prefer some request to Miss Agnes, when Mr. Tyler, for whose accommodation the large stuffed easy-chair of the old Doctor had been brought forth, suddenly laid down the copy of the New York Observer, which he had been reading, and, crossing the skirts of his new dressing-gown over his knees, interrupted me with the above query, following up the words with a glance of mild astonishment from above his gold-bound

Thus checked, I began again, more slowly, "Miss Agnes"-but with no better suc-

The glance of mild astonishment changed to rebuke, as he repeated, tapping with his fat, pudgy fore-finger, upon the paper, to command

"Did you hear, child! Is that a proper way of addressing your mistress-my wife! Now, I glanced from him to my mistress, who was

dusting some ornaments upon the sideboard, which stood in the room; she looked a little flurried, I thought, and was about to speak, when he waved her back. Left to myself, and knowing no reason why, if she was his wife, she was not Miss Agnes still, I again slowly repeated the name, in a tone scarce above a whisper,

would comfortably slide upon his thick, fat nose, and drawing in his chin, until the folds of fat were quite hidden behind his cravat, he looked at me over his full cheeks, with a glance which was no doubt intended to express not only referings which fall upon woman. 'Her lot is buke, but a great deal of surprise and commiseration for my state, while he mournfully waved "I don't know, ma'am. I guess I could do his head, as he said-

"I fear we have here a great deal of obstinacy or ignorance—perhaps both!"
Mr. Tyler had, sometime in his life, edited

Miss Agnes stepped forward, with-"My dear"—but he checked her with a counter," my dear," and a deferential wave of

dear. We perfectly understand children-there are few of their tricks and subterfuges, the unhappy evidences of the carnal heart, with which You must not mind what Sarah or any one we are not familiar, it having pleased Divine else says, Lina. But it is true that I am about Providence to place us over them, at various times, in the capacity of teacher. Now, Zerlina,

He folded his hands, the backs of which look ed like pincushions, across his knee, and looked in your condition, my child, save for the better. at me full a moment, as I stood by his knee, before he asked, pointing to Miss Agnes-"Do you know who that lady is?"
I had been frightened at first; now I was

getting irritated, and, not knowing what to say, " Well, we are waiting, and we know how to

"Yes, sir; it is Miss Agnes Lathrop, and she's married to you, sir." Very well, very well," lying back in his proximation towards one. Now, remember, girl, as this lady is my wife, she is henceforth to be called Mrs. Tyler. We know nothing about 'Miss Agnes" any more. She has merged

"I will try, sir." to blame in this; that is, I wish to sav," she went on, as he turned himself slowly in his chair, and looked at her, "that I taught her to call

her being and name in mine. Mrs. Tyler-do

me Miss Agnes; and this change is so recent. He gave her a look of the most unctuous fondness. "Ah, you are sure. We have not the slightest doubt of that, my dear. Your artless nature is so easily convinced, and I trust you are right. We have no desire to mar thisthis"-the reverend gentleman looked round "this auspicious marriage morn, as we may say, with anything disagreeable. Therefore, we will only give this child a lesson, and dis-

He took a Bible from the table near him, and turning to the chapter which relates the fate of the ill-mannered children who mocked the not appointed unto all living, and that earthly prophet, on account of his baldness, said-"Go to your room, and read that four times over, and remember the fate of children who were disrespectful to their superiors."

When I came down to dinner, I found a new arrangement. Hitherto, Hannah, being more like a friend than a servant in the family, had The evening before the ceremony, after I like a friend than a servant in the family, had had retired to my bed, Miss Agnes had come to my room, and, sitting down upon the bed, Now her place was vacant, and my plate, intalked to me about her marriage; and how, stead of being laid next Miss Agnes's, was far after they should have arrived from their visit down the side, out of neighborhood, as it were, to Mr. Tyler's dear mother, which was to be of the others. But it was not out of the reach their wedding tour, and become a little settled, of Miss Agnes's kin'l hand. Seeing that Mr. Tyler sent back my plate with nothing upon for a companion, who was a very excellent it but some potato and a piece of bread, sh olar, and would help me so much! Then, reminded him of his oversight, as she supposed if Mr. Tyler, as they both hoped, should be sent it to be, by passing it back for a piece of the out to "Wallah Basheen," or any other foreign nice boiled fowl before him. He had loaded station, she should feel so much easier about his plate with chicken and the various vegetame; for, of course, they should be obliged to bles and sauces, and was raising his well-filled renounce the parental relation. It was one of silver fork (a part of my mistress's new plenthe crosses she must be prepared to meet, and ishing) to his mouth, when she preferred her leave Augustus and myself at school, until we request. He dropped his fork, and with it his were fitted to chare their labors and trials with under jaw, and sat gazing at us with an exthem. Doubtless it was such a one, he supposed, anconscious that her time siready belonged to gels might wear-and as his actual knowledge of them must have been gained from those

> lowed by these words: "Is it possible, my dear, that you can have fallen into the permicious mistake—we can call it nothing less-of permitting that child to eat

> Miss Agnes looked confused, flushed a little,

norant, I know; but papa used to think chilwhich, upon a layman's face, might have been

"A notion very common among the professional men of his age, but one which we are habit is strong "-- he reached for the drawn rational plan; and we always make it a matter of duty to approximate to it as closely as we can, when severe mental or physical effort has not exhausted the system. But this subject will only add another to the delightful and wa'nt suitable; and when Mr. Ralph said a instructive paths of knowledge, along which thing wasn't suitable, I'd like to know who'd say twas! Not Miss Agnes!"

"If you were going to get married, Miss Hannah," I began, after gravely reflecting upon the subject a while, "and Mr. Ralph was to come of these children. His example will be of

Having delivered himself of this speech, his

French compound some of their most appeti-zing dishes from them. If we had a little more of the skill and art which that most frivolous and worldly-minded people display in culinary affairs, we should, to say the least, be benefited—pecuniarily. A little of the cranberry sauce, my dear, if you please. Now, this is an article," he continued, glancing thoughtfully and benevolently down upon the crimson fruit in the pretty glass dish which he held in his hand, "of which children are, unfortunately very fond; yet nothing can be more injuriou

it being productive in the tender stomach of acidities, flatulencies, and a long train of evils." He evidently felt quite easy as to the condietiquette. tion of his own stomach, for he half emptied the dish, and, replacing it, continued—

"This is a very interesting topic, my dear, in a psychological view, proving, as it does most conclusively, we think, the perversion not only of the moral but the physical tastes, by the fall of man. What were those lines from Milton, which you were repeating to this effect the other day, Mrs. Tyler?

"Earth felt the wound, and Nature, from her seat, Sighing through all her works, gave signs of woe That all was lost!" "That all was lost!" Miss Agnes repeated.
"That all was lost!" echoed the gentleman. "Aye, yes—very much to the point. Thank you, my dear. It always gives us pleasure to find Milton coinciding with us."

As I was making my escape from the room after dinner, the reverend gentleman called me back, and, pointing to Miss Agnes, said— He pushed his glasses down as far as they of that lady?"

"Stop, child I—can you now tell me the name of that lady?"

"Mrs. Tyler, sir." "Right. We are glad to see that our lesson was not lost. You read the story we pointed

"Well, don't you think it a terrible warning If you had been one of these wicked children don't you think you would have been justly punished?"

"I don't know. I don't think I should have staid to let the bears eat me, sir. I should have run away.

"Child! child! I'm astonished at you! Run away from the penalty due to sin! You could no more have escaped than you could-could green leaves, giving the wearer the effect of have changed your depraved nature. might have been one of the very first that were seized by these ferocious animals."

As this was an entirely new view of the case to me, I did not venture to reply; and the Charivari has just brought out an amusing heretofore, since it is said that, before the last answer was instant, brief, sententious, sincere: gentleman, after a few more remarks, such as caricature of two ladies in full dress crossing he deemed applicable to my condition as a "Brand," and a few more directed to my mistress, on the necessity of a personal application application of the street, blocking it up so completely as to presented to collect at his house, before going to prevent the passage of any vehicles.

Bonnets are still worn very small, to fit extends from the subject.

For a gentleman of such a soft, spongy look, For a gentleman of such a soft, spongy look, or, to use the words of dear Miss Agnes, "for one so considerate, so gentle, so thoughtful of the Welfare of others," Mr. Tyler developed a remarkable degree of executive force. It was soon felt, but as it was a principle of his not to make a change too suddenly, he began with the kitchen table. "The sin of waste, and the pampering of the fleshly appetite," was a topic upon which he spoke very eloquently, and, eight of the degree of executive force. It was soon felt, but as it was a principle of his not to make a change too suddenly, he began with the began with the kitchen table. "The sin of waste, and the pampering of the fleshly appetite," was a topic upon which he spoke very eloquently, and, eight of the lightest material possible, in fuller illusion, mixed in velvet or chenille flowers, as well as small light tufts of ostrich feathers; this new ornament is gracefully elegant. Feathers will be generally worn, not only on each side of the far West to beware of chewing, spitting, and blowing noses—the procession started, eighty-seven in all, passing down the rue de la Cratoire, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concord, and at last the rue de Rivoli, where curiosity assembly of tulle or crape on foundation lace, trimmed with either blond laces, feathers, chenille, or costume. him to make himself a vicarious suffere Hannah's and my sake, few of the good things daily prepared and sent into the dining-room

Love is a great strengthener of patience, but even the love which Hannah Smith bore her mistress would not have induced her to have borne these innovations, or the introduction of even so much as the nose of a "hen hussey" into her department, had it not been for the fact that she already looked upon Miss Agnes as certainly doomed to be eaten by the cannibals-"kinnibles," as she pronounced it-of

Wallah Basheen. Her time the good woman really believed "to be short," (why shouldn't she, hearing the subject spoken of so constant ly?) and she was determined her old master's daughter should not be troubled by her. Too conscientious to express her dislike of the new think she could betray it otherwise than by words, she went round the house, venting it in

expressions like these—
"Ah, well! folks must live and learn!" "New masters, new times!" "It takes all sorts of folks to make a world!" &c.

But she was mistaken in one respectapprehension of Miss Agnes's nearness to martyrdom; or, rather, she overlooked the place and time, thereby doing the natives of "Wallah Basheen" a great wrong; for after Mr. Tyler had become perfectly settled in our pleasant home, he manifested another sponge-like trait, by attaching himself so tenaciously to the place, that he seemed to lay aside all thought of moving. Doubtless he thought it his duty to fulfil the command, and, "forsaking all things, cleave unto his wife," and her possessions, especially when there were so many brethren, un-

encumbered by domestic ties, who would be willing to take his place. It is strange how the acquisition of propert opens the eyes of its possessor to the beauty of stability, and the sacred nature of responsibili-

Not that Mr. Tyler expressed himself as above. He suddenly became aware that Miss Agnes possessed a very delicate constitutio and though he still talked of the "darkness of Ethiopia," and the probability of their burning out their feeble lights there, in the attempt to dispel it, at some no very distant day, yet it was very much in the indefinite strain in which on recurring spring times, certain well-to-do New England farmers talk of going West, or as Uncle Steve spoke of going again to sea. As to Miss Agnes, she was as well as usual since the disappointment she suffered at not seeing her cherished hope immediately realized, and the annoyance of her friends' frequent in-

quiries as to "how soon she expected to sail?"

### For the National Era. THE PILGRIM BIRD.

A day of golden bloom. A day, in memory, sculptured with design

Evoked from out the mellow atmosphere,

The ancient trees-church-spires in distant maze Nor nun nor hooded frier Were these, but thoughts, more welcome, less austere,

And painted on the quire. Unwonted sound! a pilgrim with black wings Circling a-high as through empyreal rings-An angel or a bird ?

It sinks low as my feet With outspread wings which will not rise; The tiny heart's quick beat

Of beauteous hope, which soars the highest wall Only to bruise its wings, then lowly fall

Then freedom from the open casement give : Far in the blue it flies, to joy and live

And bring me, trembling, low e'en as the ground Let my freed soul, in rapture newly found, Soar to its heavenly home !

Foreign Correspondence of the Era. LIFE IN PARIS. Paris, Dec. 20, 1856.

My Dear C. B .:

streets are crowded with merry blooming faces, bearing marks of their recent return from the country and the different places of resort for the Queen the Empares and a party of the South, which we have been so often told was the only true Pro Slavery party, actually turned out to be the only friend of the free negroes in the South?" rest and health, following the example of the Court now settled at the Tuilleries, a signal for about \$10,000 dollars gained in eight months. the commencement of winter galeties. The Goupil, the great picture mcrchant of Paris, Prince of Prussia is enjoying a saries of fetes, well-known in New York, buys the pictures of is said, a renewed eclat on the arrival of the

Grand Duke and Duchesse Constantine of Russia, soon expected here. The first ball of the season has just taken place at the Tuilleries, and, as usual, was quite brilliant; the dresses were very beautiful, universally consisting of tulles, laces, and gauzes; than heavy silks or satins, and considered by the French ladies of bon ton, (till a certain age,) infinitely more becoming, giving an airy and sylph-like appearance, adding greatly to the en-

chantment of the scene. Double skirts are more in vogue than flounces, both for carriage and ball acesses. The to present his fellow-citizens at Court, and to first, of moire antique, is still much worn, and procure them tickets for all the great fetes. considered elegant. The latter, of transparent materials; the upper skirt, looped up all round presented, kept at our legation, is continually in various ways, with wreaths of flowers or Then, the Minister and Secretary are beset with could not tell oats from wheat!" could You emerging from a "Murillo Cloud." The skirts are still increasing in size; steel hoops and dress. Doubtless, too, Mr. Mason has had crinolines upon crinolines (the butt of the cari- fault to find with the want of a knowledge of him for advice as to the best method of imcaturists) are more than ever in favor. The Court etiquette amongst those he has presented proving his stock of sheep. The Governor's

tion of Scriptural lessons, dismissed me to my actly round the face, without falling back as After Mr. Mason had gone through with the much as they did last year; the tour de tete is various rules to be observed-neither to laugh, very full, to accompany the face, and made of sneeze, nor speak till they were spoken to-

ther because his spongy body had a tendency to velvet flowers, occasionally intermixed with make a sop of itself, and imbibe all sorts of folds of velvet. Street bonnets are of quilted many amusing remarks; there were, from the for red, black and red, &c., the feathers to corres-

> Mantles are larger than they were last year, still much trimmed with rich furs, fringes, and

whose proverb is, "to be out of fashion is to be the "charming little Piccolomini," an event sult of their morning's toil, a week of endless which caused a considerable amount of interest, shopping, lessons of bowing and scraping, and

the praise trumpets of English hombast and December. Italian ovation. Countesse Piccolomini, who numbers Popes, captains, heroes, learned men, &c., among her illustrious ancestors, brought together an

for success.

arts. Winterhalter's last portrait of the Prince forth the down-trodden of our State to enrol Imperial and the Empress gives rise to much their names here, in the Book of Liberty, until comment at this moment.

I was so fortunate as to be admitted to the umphant in the State. studio of this celebrated artist, and befriended dreary light never does justice to the artist's seemed to take pleasure in seeing them enjoy efforts; but, as I said, we had an uncommon themselves.

bright day, and this skillful piece of art stood "This privilege, too, had been granted them principal object, and the effect of the light is shall perhaps find out in the course of the pros-concentrated on this miniature King; the mother equation, (persecution.)

is coiffed in her peculiarly becoming style, without ornament, robed in a crimson velvet high-

The Prince Imperial, a large rosy-cheeked baby, dressed in white muslin, decorated with the great Cross of the Legion of Honor, looks happy and content at his admirers, throws up his plump little feet au naturel sans facon, like

artists were jealous of the favor shown to this own friends and relatives." his coloring is brilliant and natural; his conceptions poetic, graceful, and artistic. No doubt he is the portrait painter of the day, and is much sought after by the crowned heads and nobility of all Europe, and his yearly income is larger than that of the President of the United "Though negroes are not recognised by our

ployed, and many amass large fortunes. They come here from all quarters of the civilized lers for the rights of free negroes, who form so large a portion of all legislative bodies. The THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS. advantages here than anywhere else. Their arguments and objections of the opponents of ateliers (or studio) are generally in the outskirts the bill were so successfully met, that not one Were it possible to hope that this would reach you ere the close of the year, though trite, I in visiting one the other day, in rue de Laval, would be tempted to wish you a happy new we came into a passage or lane leading into a best interests of the State, on which all should year, made much of here among intimate park, in which a number of ateliers, in cottage endeavor to stand. At this stage of the profriends. In a general way, the good wishes are style, were picturesquely scattered. Although ceedings, the bill was defeated; and how? Its not far from a populous part of the city, near expressed by a simple exchange of cards the Place St. George, surrounded by nature, the through the post, the postage being reduced to half on that occasion, to facilitate this point of fine trees and shrubs soften the light, and the song of birds enliven the retirement. We there And has it come to this? Has the Democratic

given in honor of his visit to the Emperor of many celebrated artists, and also pays a good subject. On this point the Wabash Express o'clock, and the President of the Senate prothe French, and these festivities will acquire, it price for them; whilst adhering to the principle, "live and let live," he has made a great fortune, which enables him to pension some of the artists by whose pictures he gained large sums. Goupil engraves their works, sells the prints all over the world, making both the painting and the artist thereby extensively known, and can wait for wealthy amateurs to give him a high price for the original. No one can have an idea of the amount of money invested here certainly much more appropriate to the ball room in pictures and objects of art. The French in all the walks of life, love the fine arts, and

> themselves here with specimens of modern art. | soil. PARIS, Jan. 7, 1857. Our diplomatic representatives are really to be pitied. It would seem, our countrymen "Delivered the address before the think a Minister has nothing better to do than tural Society of New York, last year?"

The register for the persons who wish to be

silk and drawn velvet, of two colors, gray and gilt-emblazoned coach, drawn by spirited Arabian steeds, to the asthmetic Rosinanie of a common back; which, instead of a coal of arms, or other aristocratic signs, bore large gilt num-

bers of the police register. To the great mortification of the party, one of the old rickety vehicles, containing four stout ion, forgetting that my American friends are gentlemen of 200 pounds each, broke down, not so devoted to dress as the Parisian ladics, causing a general halt in the procession. Those causing a general halt in the procession. Those who were in advance reached the Tuilleries beforethe doors were closed; but those that followed Knowing your fondness for music, my dear were sadly put out and vexed at not being adfriend, I cannot refrain from closing my letter mitted, and were rich in imprecations upon the with an account of the debut in La Travieta of world at large, in consequence of the sad resince it presented, for the first time, a work of breathless anxiety as to the effect to be pro-Verdis, not yet known to the Parisian public, duced by so careful and elegant a toilet. Thus and introduced a young artiste, heralded by all ended the presentation of Sunday, the 28th of

# MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

PERSECUTION OF AN EDITOR FOR ALLOWING assemblage of aristocrats, taking great interest | NEGROES TO AMUSE THEMSELVES .- Mr. W. S. in the prestige her venerable blazon gives her. Bailey, editor of the Newport (Ky.) News, says in the prestige her venerable blazen gives her. She did not, however, dazzle this incredulous Parisian public, distrustful of a foreign reputation; it is, nevertheless, yielding little by little, and it is predicted that she will yet win the heart of this unrelenting censor. The quality of the extensive soprano voice of this miniature to the extensive soprano voice of this miniature. tragedienne gave me less pleasure than her act- limbs, before we lay down the only pen lifted ing—full of life, case, and grace—which, in addition to her extreme youth, a very pretty face and person, will contribute largely to her hope cause, we shall continue to herald the sound of Allow me still to add a few words on the fine Freedom to the ear of the oppressor, and call their name shall be 'legion,' and their vote tri-

"The legal prosecution coming against us at by a bright mid-day sun, an uncommon celest he February term (2d Monday) of our Circuit tial favor at this season. Speaking of the sun, Court, for permitting the colored people to enreminds me of Horace Vernet's comparison of joy a brief period of amusement in the hall conit at St. Petersburgh. He mentioned in one of nected with this office, and that, too, by the his letters from the Capital of the Czars, "the sun looks like an orange, wrapped up in gray blotting paper." Our Parisian sun is often not much brighter; a picture viewed with a were present, and complained of no wrong, but

forth to its best advantage. It represents the by other persons before, both in Newport and young Imperial scion sitting on the lap of his Covington, when no advantage of the law was mother—is a full-length portrait of both, taken against them; nor did we dream of the and the tout ensemble is most beautiful. The existence of such an odious law at the time. artist has made this chubby little fellow the Whether this was a trap set for us or not, we

is secondary, yet the whole managed with great skill. The Empress sits with her back to the propagating the institution of Slavery, nor in light, turns her head a little to the spectator, giving credit to the parties who sued out this out ornament, robed in a crimzon velvet high-necked dress, trimmed with sable round the intimated that any law was about to be violated, neck, basque, and sleeves, holding the child on nor even the feeling of any one disturbed."

System of Russia .- A letter from St. Peters

burgh says: "Hitherto in Russia the military schools were reserved for children of the nobility in the one of his age, evidently not yet troubled with one of his age, evidently not yet troubled with the part he shall have to play in the present dynasty. The child is handsome, has a fine forehead, black eyes, full, short neck, and appropriate of a robust constitution. Mr. Winter-the superintendence of the State. The lander the superintendence of the State. flattered. The Empress's portrait is very stri- things, and has laid down, as the basis of all king. He has painted her several times, and military education: 1. Free access to such his intenesses of her are said to be the pest. establishments for the whole of the youth of The crimson dress is a splendid accessory to the nobility, no matter where they have received the portrait of the child; the arrangement is their elementary instruction, and to such non-very beautiful, and the execution most exquisite, yet subordinate, and in perfect keeping. This is considered one of Winterhalter's best the bosom of families; and, 3. To leave young mixtures. pictures. I have been told that the French men as long as possible under the care of the

which, the Emperor ordered pertraits of the Empress by some of the best French artists, the Little Rock Gazette and Democrat, of the Little Rock Gazette and Dem which did not compare to Winterhalter's in any respect. He has a happy faculty of embellishing without injury to the resemblance; Negro Bill," which had for its object the resemblance; moval of all free negroes from the State, and provided the means of their going into servitude if they remained, has been defeated. The

Having delivered himself of this speech, his child! Them that's allers known what's suitable, allers will, I hope, without any tellin!!" Suitable or not, I was inclined, at that moment, to be satisfied with everything that put me in possession of the pretty trinket, containing the face that had so deeply impressed my child's picking a bone to-day. It is never best to make any changes too suddenly. Besides, childs imagination; and, henceforth, it took

Having delivered himself of this speech, his speech, his speech, his speech, his deposition of provided they are all on my plate, which Mrs. Agnes, in listening to him, had forgotten to withdraw; and, after severing from a chicken data with everything that put me in possession of the pretty trinket, containing the face that had so deeply impressed my child's picking a bone to-day. It is never best to make any changes too suddenly. Besides, bones are less objectionable than flesh; they

opponents raised the hue and cry that it was in conflict-not with the Constitution or the vested rights of any one-but that it was in conflict with the doctrines of the Democratic party.

AN AGRICULTURAL GOVERNOR .- GOVERNOR Wright, of Indiana, says an exchange, makes | tion, reported by resolution, as follows: pretensions to great agricultural science, deep skill in all the mysteries of grain, roots, manures, &c., but really knows nothing about the atives on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 12

company with another distinguished citizen of Indiana, was riding in the country. In passing a beautiful field of grain just beginning to head, the Governor reined up his horse, and delivered to the President of the Senate pro burst into rapturous admiration of the wheat. Quoth Ned-"Governor, how much will that vote and the persons elected to the two Houses wheat yield to the acre?" "Oh, from seventeen to twenty bushels."

"What kind of seed is that from, Governthe connoisseurs of other countries, also, supply "Common winter. That is the best for this

> Society, are you not, Governor?" "Delivered the address before the Agricul-"Yes, sir.

"You are the author of an elequent passage

"You are the President of the Agricultural

about the cultivation of roots and tops.' "A mere trifle, Ned." "Well, you are the only ass I ever saw who A certain farmer, one of the Governor's constituents, who had a profound admiration for his talents and practical knowledge, wrote to "Get a Hydraulic Ram-better than the Southdown for mutton, equal to the Merino for wool. The Express adds: "If this doesn't settle the question, we have a pumpkin story in reserve, that may cast some light upon it.'

How TO PREVENT COLDS .- Dr. William A. Alcott, the author of "The House I Live In," and well known as a lecturer on the laws of health, has in press a work on Hygiene, which derstanding of the subject at issue, and hence States. will probably be of great practical value. From the Reporter will not attempt it, but subjoins vice, which is now quite seasonable:

I do not say that none of the vast number al-eady diseased should be allowed to break the orce of a stream of air lowered in temperature to zero, or fifteen or twenty degrees below it, either by a respirator or muffler. I am writing "After brisk walking, or other exercise, during which we have worn more than a needful amount of clothing, we must beware of throwing off a part of it, and sitting down in a temperature which is very low, or in air which is of mileage. damp, especially if we have been in a free perspiration. Better to keep on our clothing till of commission on military contribution money we see how matters are going on with us. It levied in Mexico, and settlement of accounts would be safer to add clothing in such circum-

stances than to diminish it. "Those who would be perfect in this matter should avoid sitting with wet feet after exercise, his staff. or sleeping in damp clothing. While a person is exercising in the open air, if not over-heated wet feet. Indeed, some will go with their feet wet all the forenoon without injury, if they keep jects besides those relating to General Scott's they now stood -constituted, in reality, he in motion; but the philosopher Locke, who recommended that children should have holes in that it has been found impracticable to separate

ing should not exchange it for that which is fore concluded to submit the entire correspondextremely thin, when they are about to go ence." abroad in the cold air, unless they are to walk. ver, which destroyed them, to some act of reck- when the doors were opened, and the Senate lessness like that which is implied in the fore- adjourned.

the sun and rain, to enjoy that hardihood which is indispensable in a climate as much exposed which was agreed to: to colds and consumption as that of the United States. The late General Dearborn, of Massa- gally and duly elected as the Representative of chusetts, would have no such thing as an um- the first Congressional district in the State of brella in his family, if he could help it. He thought it safer, on the wnole, to be occasionally a little wet, than to exclude ourselves from every drop of rain, nineteen times in twenty, with the almost entire certainty of being some time caught without one, and of suffering se- Means.

a German and the other a Spaniard,) who were be a great evil.

recommended by their birth and services to Mr. Campbel the Emperor Maximilian II, both courted his vious question, which was seconded, and under daughter. This Prince, after a long delay, one | the operation thereof the amendments reported day informed the suitors that, esteeming them by the Committee of Ways and Means were equally, and not being able to bestow a pref-erence, he should leave it to the force and The bill address of the claimants to decide the question. ed-yeas 130, nays 52. He would not, however, permit them to enthat whichever succeeded in putting the other into this bag, should obtain the hand of his daughter. This extraordinary contest took place before the whole Court, and lasted above

that whichever succeeded in putting the other in its foreign intercourse, and in every situation daughter. This extraordinary contest took place before the whole Court, and lasted above

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved that the bill held a seat in the State and National Legislatures for many years, and in every situation has influence was felt, and respected by all parties.

Though a property of Covernment in its foreign intercourse, and in every situation parties.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved that the bill an hour. In the end, the Spaniard yielded, and the German (Eberhard Baron de Talbert) having planted his rival in the bag, took it upon his back, and gallantly laid it at the feet of his mistress, whom, the story goes, he espoused the next day.

celebrated portrait painter, once met a lady in the streets of Boston, who said to him: "Ah Mr. Stnart! I have just seen your likeness, and kissed it, because it was so much like you." "And did it kiss you in return?"

editor of a paper published at Lake Superior, lar pupils. after having been without a mail three weeks, "Should the mail not arrive this week, we

shall make our regular issue next Tuesday; for this number was made up from an old magazine and a religious almanac of last year; be independent of the mails." POST OFFICE LITERATURE.-In view of the

fearful work the guillotine is making, we suppose, says the Chicago Journal, the Postmaster at Huntley's Grove puts himself right upon the record, by writing us the following note. We shall hope that our correspondent may be retained. Mr. Wales is a whaler : Hampshire Jen 19th 1857

them Papers the time was up on the first of

Dartmouth College has received twenty-two boxes of relics from Nineveh.

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Wednesday, February 4, 1857.

SENATE. The President of the Senate laid before that ody a report from the Secretary of State, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of the commercial relations of the United States with foreign nations for the year ending

30th September, 1856.

the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island for the term of six years from and after the 4th Mr. Bigler, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their elec-

"Resolved, That the two Houses will assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representtells the following hard story:

Not many springs ago, his Excellency, in person be appointed a teller on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House of ter and slave." Representatives, to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared: that the result shall be tempore, who shall announce the state of the assembled, which shall be deemed a declara-

> with a list of votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses." The resolution was agreed to, and, on motion of Mr. Bigler, it was ordered that the teller on the part of the Senate be appointed

> by the President pro tempore.
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> The bill from the House of Representatives to divide the State of Texas into two judicial districts was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
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> The following House bills were also referred:

> contingent expenses of Congress. An act to incorporate the Columbian Institution for the instruction of the deaf, dumb, and blind.

An act to incorporate an insurance company n the city of Washington. Mr. Weller, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the message of the President, communicating the correspondence between General Scott and the Secretary of War, in relation to pay, emoluments, &c., reported it back, with a recommendation that

large majority. [This document is very voluminous, and runs War to the President of the United States, to contains:

"1st. Statements of all payments and allo ances which have been made, and of all claim General Scott, from the date when he joined the army serving in Mexico, up to December 1st, 1856, with reports from the accounting officers, giving the items thereof.

"2d. Correspondence respecting allowance of quarters and fuel. "3d. Correspondence respecting allowance

connected therewith. "5th. Correspondence in relation to claims feared there might arise a question for brevet pay of Lieutenant General Scott and having taken their position, there are

"6th. General correspondence respecting the several matters referred to in the resolution, "With regard to the last class of correspondence, I have to say that it includes many sub-

On motion by Mr. Mason, the Senate pre Thousands of young people, especially females, ceeded to the consideration of Executive busimight trace the consumption, neuralgia, or fe- ness, and remained therein until after 4 P. M.,

> Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, from the Committee of Elections, reported the following resolution, half-past 4 o'clock, the House adjourned. Resolved, That Hon. Augustus Hall was le

Iowa for the Thirty-fourth Congress. The House then resumed the consideration of the bill to regulate the disbursement of the contingent expenses of Congress, heretofore reported from the Committee of Ways and

Mr. Bocock, of Virginia, earnestly opposed the bill, and spoke against the system of extra compensation, which he declared had grown to Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, demanded the pre

The hill was then read a third time and pass-Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the Committee counter with offensive weapons, but had ordered of Ways and Means, reported Senate bill to ex- quite a variety of public employments—he has a large bag to be procured. It was his decree, that whichever succeeded in putting the other of Government in its foreign intercourse, and

> Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved that the bill be laid on the table, which motion was decided in the negative. On motion of Mr. Davidson, of Louisiana,

consideration of the bill making appropriations A GALLANT PAINTER.—Gilbert Stuart, the for the consular and diplomatic expenses of elebrated portrait painter, once met a lady in Government for the year ending 30th of June, 1858, and the House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate thereto. All the amendments were agreed to without debate, with the exception of that which repealed the section of the act to regulate the

liplomatic and consular system of the United EDITING A NEWSPAPER OUT WEST .- The States, providing for the appointing of "consular pupils."
Mr. H. Marsha Kentucky, moved to amend this amend and of the Senate. Mr. Florence, of Pennsylvania, hoped the

Mr. Haven, of New York, opposed the amend-

the section of the consular bill stricken out by

the Senate, with the number of pupils reduced from twenty-four to six. The previous question was moved and seconded, and under the operation thereof the modified. Nor can any one long prove insenamendment of Mr. Marshall was disagreed to- sible to the charms of his companionship, if yeas 61, nays 99.

The amendment of the Senate was then been agreed to by the House, the bill is passed. of the few men whose judgment neither the

threaten the stability of American institutions entire practicability of such a union, but the

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should be addressed to G. BAILEY, Washington, D. C. result from the double antagonism of religious

and races in the bosom of American society The action of this cause has already produce: three monstrous political heresies: 1. That of the Calhoun school, denying the natural equal ity and freedom of all men, and assailing the Declaration of Independence; 2. The doctrine of Squatter Sovereignty, affirming a novel politi cal power in the Territories, and one utterly un known to the Constitution; 3. The principle of absolute despotism in the General Government to prohibit Slavery in the Territories, when Mr. Allen presented the credentials of the Congress has no constitutional authority to Hon. James F. Simmons, elected a Senator by property in slaves is recognised by the Consti tution, by all writers on natural law, and by the universal law of nations. The master may carry his slaves to any country on the globs, where that species of property is not excluded by some peculiar local policy. The present slavery of the African race is fully justified by the law of nature and by the philosophy of al history; but the institution, as it exists in the United States, requires several important re-

legally attached to the soil of particular homes which would be equally beneficial to both man Mr. Wright, of Tennessee, defended the a the Democratic party evaded any issue, eithe North or South, during the late election. 1! entered into an argument to show that neithe the Republican nor the Know Nothing parts tion of the persons elected President and Vice met the issues involved, and in the course President of the United States, and, together his remarks inquired if gentlemen of the for mer party would vote for the admission of a

the age and the demands of justice and humanity; and especially should the slaves b

Mr. Leiter, of Ohio, replied, that answeri for himself, as a Democrat, he would never vote for the admission of any more slave States, Mr. Wright. For whom did you vote? Mr. Leiter. For John C. Fremont.

Mr. McMullin, of Virginia. I read the gen tleman out of the Democratic church. | Laugh Mr. Leiter. I deny the authority of the ge An act to regulate the disbursement of the tleman to read me out. Mr. A. K. Marshall, of Kentucky, remarks

that, if he understood the matter correctly, there was no difference of opinion as to his right to hold slaves in bondage. He resided in the State of Kentucky, and, under her laws and her he desired to know if any gentleman of the North dared to deny such right on his part. Mr. Stanton, of Ohio, replied, that he he lieved the general sentiment of the North war

that Slavery existed by the force of local has in the slaveholding States, and with which no it be printed. This motion was carried by a man outside had the power to interfere; that there was nothing in that local law incomwith the Constitution of the United States, and through a series of several years. It would be that that instrument did not interfere between a chapter on colds we take the following ad-Mr. Marshall, resuming, said that one of the "Those who would avoid colds must not whom the correspondence was sent to be com- fact that there had been repeated reiterations

eclaim against Slavery as much as they free Bible, a free Constitution, and a free Gov-ernment, as often as they might think proper; but what effect would it have upon the abstain from repeating such sentiments befor "4th. Correspondence respecting allowance the Democratic party injusting in \$1.25; parage 25 were disposed to keep up the 30 cause, having adjusted all other 100 calls.

some danger that they might not much the public mind the impression that the Democratic party, and the platform upon part and parcel of the Compromise measure their shoes, would hardly have justified the those embraced by the resolution in such form were two propositions more diverse. The 1850. According to his judgment, there new as to present fairly the positions taken by this Prince of Light and the Prince of Darkness "Those who are accustomed to warm cloth- Department in regard to them. I have there- differed not more widely than did the Kanser Nebraska bill and the Compromises of 1850 for while the latter were founded upon the prin ciple of non-intervention, the former was a do rect interference with the subject of Slavery. Mr. Millson, of Virginia, then presented a substitute for the bill before the House; which

## the floor, when the Committee rose; and, at From the N. Y. Evening Past, February 4

Mr. Clingman, of North Carolina, obtained

was ordered to be printed.

estesday, under circumstances in the highest degree flattering to the successful candidate. Both Houses of the Legislature concurred in presenting the name of Preston King upon the first ballot, and by an aggregate of about two

eserves to be recorded among the fasti in our calendar. The selection of such a man for such which shine out on the political horizon-" good deed in a naughty world." In the first place, Mr. King is eminently qualified for the duties of the position to which he is called. He has had a large experience in

held a seat in the State and National Legisla-

The day which witnessed these proceedings

thirds of all the members present.

Though a man without pretension of any kind, and least of all as an orator, Mr. King has one of the clearest and most logical minds to be found in or out of Congress; and in the deliberative assemblies where he apppears, no the Committee of the Whole on the state of one is listened to with more attention-we the Union was discharged from the further might add, with more profit-than he. He is, consequence is, that he not only has no enemies, but he never permits his political antagonism to interrupt his social intercourse or friendship with any one. His habitual good nature, disinterestedness, and sound sense, con-

communication to the hearts and understand ings of those who differ with him always open; and thus many are brought quietly under the influence of his clear and manly judgment, who could not be reached by equally sound an gentle source. From this noble feature in Ma King's character, much may be expected in toe ment of Mr. Marshall, remarking that it was new sphere of duty to which he has been called. No one can talk long with Mr. King, without being influenced by him; without having some of the corners of his theories knocked off-some of his prejudices loosened-some of his opinions brought into daily proximity with him. Of course, we need not say that Mr. King's

official duties will be discharged, as they always All of the amendments of the Senate having have been, with scrupulous fidelity. He is one Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, gave notice that on distinctions nor the opportunities of office have to-morrow he would offer a resolution to ter-Jenury and i Dont in tent to haf them Sent in minate the debate on the tariff on the afternoon template retirement to private life with entire my name So if yo Sent them yo Sent them on your Risk But thar are Som man that wants the Paper but I cant Beagent for it for your Politix Dont Suit me i am no fremonter Please

of that day.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, Mr. H. Marshall, of Kentucky, in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the bill reducing the duty.

To the great cause of Republicanism, Mr. Politix Dont Suit me i am no tremonter Flease keep your Paper and Dont Sent it no more

I Remain Yours
JOHN WALES
PM

The consideration of the bill reducing the consideration